

Better for business

The ranks of information services for the business community swelled by one in May with the launch of Business Information in South Australia.

Business Information is a fee-based priority information service aimed at the corporate sector. Various similar services have been established in eastern states in recent years, but Business Information is a different model, combining as it does the massive resources of the State Library of South Australia and the campus libraries of two academic institutions — the South Australian Institute of Technology and the South Australian College of Advanced Education. This cooperation brings together some nine libraries, two million volumes, twenty three database services ... and over sixty reference staff.

The service was launched by Barry Orr, Executive Director of Technology Park. Barry Orr said business welcomed the establishment of such services, and recognised the value of good information to their operations and growth.

Business Information has extended the service and resources offered through the South Australian Institute of Technology Information Service (SAITIS) offered to Technology Park companies through 1989 and improves access to those resources for

the whole corporate community. The State Library of South Australia is hosting Business Information and supplying office facilities. Business Information is administered through Techsearch and managed by Lee Welch, last seen at PressCom. News Ltd's full text newspaper database service.

The May launch of the service was by no means the start of operation for Business Information. The service has been operating since Christmas 1989 and the client list already includes some of South Australia's top companies, both with and without libraries of their own.



From left: Euan Miller, SA State Librarian; Lee Welch, Manager, Business Information; Linda Luther, Campus Librarian, The Levels, South Australian Institute of Technology; Alan Bundy, College Librarian, South Australian College of Advanced Education; Barry Orr, Executive Director, Technology Park, Adelaide.

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Greek books using the Greek alphabet, not transliterated and eventually produced catalogues for wide distribution on microfiche.

In the mid-1980s with various company takeovers and the eventual closure of Libramatic Systems, the Greek catalogue was threatened with collapse before it had even successfully produced the first microfiche in Greek. It was at this stage that Technilib became involved, agreeing to take over the project as part of its overall library cataloguing activities. With the help of IBM Australia and Aspect Computing, this involved modifying Technilib's computer systems to process the Greek alphabet as well as the extended Roman alphabet. L M Ericsson Pty Ltd developed the online terminals which display the Greek alphabet as well as the Roman alphabet and Endata Pty Ltd, formerly Micromation, developed a new microfiche process for production of microfiche catalogues in Greek and English.

Doug Savage said the costs for the project have been borne by Technilib as part of its general non-English languages cataloguing program, but lack of funds caused the project to proceed at a much slower pace than was desired. Technilib uses a combination of staff with skills in both the Greek language and library cataloguing knowledge. Greek items are catalogued to the same international standards as English items. They are entered, stored, displayed and output in the Greek script. Items are processed ready for use by the public and records can be searched on both the microfiche catalogue and appropriately modified terminal equipment.



At the launch of the Greek language catalogue, from left, executive director of Technilib, Doug Savage; Technilib Greek cataloguer Jo Vrachnas; and the chairman of the Australian Advisory Council on Languages and Multi-cultural Education, Joseph Lo Bianco.

Election of Vice-President 1990

(President-elect 1991)

Call for nominations

In 1986, the General Council of the then Library Association of Australia resolved to change the composition of the Executive Committee from President, immediate Past-President, Vice-President, General Secretary, General Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Education to President, Immediate Past-President, Vice-President and two members of the Council elected by the General Council to the Executive Committee.

The positions of General Treasurer and General Secretary are thus being abolished. This will be completed when revised By-laws are approved by the Governor-General. In the interim, these positions are being filled by the two members of Council elected to the Executive Committee.

In accordance with Division F

Regulations, nominations are now called for the position of Vice-President 1991 (President-elect 1992). Nominees must be personal financial members of the Association. Candidates and nominators should read the relevant regulations carefully. Please note that nominations must be:

- in writing
- signed by two financial members of ALIA
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a current curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600 by 5 pm on **3 September 1990**.



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